



Lakeside News

November-January 2015-2016 Edition

2015

Tree Lighting

On Friday December 4th the Town of Hickory Creek will hold its annual Holiday Tree Lighting at Town Hall. Families throughout the Lake Cities are invited to come by to help their neighbors welcome the holiday season. There will be children's activities including train rides, bounce houses, crafts and, of course, Santa and his lovely wife Mrs. Claus will be on hand to hear everyone's holiday wishes. Drawings for special prizes will be held throughout the evening. Live music will be provided by the Lake Dallas High School Jazz Band. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m.

As in years past, Town Hall is an official donation station for

the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Bring a new unwrapped toy by Town Hall through December 11th to support this wonderful program. Hickory



Creek is also a drop off location for the Lake Cities Spirit of Christmas. Donation wreathes filled with children's wishes will be available in the lobby throughout



November so you can choose a local child to help. Drop your specially chosen unwrapped gift in the SOC donation box by December 4th to help give your angel child a happy holiday season.

Dear Residents,

Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and holiday season. This has been a very quiet year from the Helping Hands prospective, but a blessing for our citizens.

Everyday there is an on-going food drop off at Town Hall which will support those in need for our Fill The Pantry project which happens every holiday season. The food drive will serve as a support system for the Helping Hands Committee to assist with the Fill The Pantry project as we did last year over the holidays.

Also, now until December 4th there is a Toys For Tots Donation Station in the town hall lobby. Please be sure to help with either toys or can food this holiday season. Simply run up to town hall if you have any donations.

Moving forward our Helping Hands committee will be looking for a few families in need who live in Hickory Creek. I hope we can bless them with meals/groceries/gift cards prior to the holidays. We would like to provide staple items for breakfast, lunch, dinner and a holiday meal for each family selected.

Thank you all again, we look forward to the Hickory Creek Helping Hands leaving a small print while blessing some local families in need.

Happy Holidays,

Paul & Bry Kenney
Hickory Creek Helping Hands
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mobile 817-235-9944



“De-greening” the Water: Simple steps residents can take to keep local waters clean

Eutrophication may sound like an exotic African disease, but it is actually a term used to describe lakes and slow-moving rivers that have too many nutrients. In a eutrophic river, algae, weeds and other aquatic plants grow and grow until the water turns green. Algal blooms make the water smelly, keep people from enjoying fishing, swimming and boating, and in some cases, can even create toxic conditions that are unsafe for children and pets.

To understand how eutrophication happens, think of your favorite foods. A little ice cream is delicious; a lot of ice cream makes your clothes stop fitting. The same phenomenon is true for our local waters. A little nitrogen and phosphorus are necessary for plants like duck weed, blue flag iris, yellow lotus and even algae to grow. Aquatic plants provide habitat and a food source for fish and waterfowl. When there are too many nutrients, however, the weeds and algae can turn local lakes and rivers green.

When it rains, the water washes phosphorus and other nutrients off of residential properties and into storm sewers and ditches. You can help to keep local waters clean by making a few simple changes in your lawn care and landscaping:

- 1.Reduce or eliminate your use of natural and store bought fertilizers in your lawn and gardens.
- 2.When you mow the lawn, turn the mower around so that the grass clippings blow into the yard and not onto the street.
- 3.If you have a home along a lake, river, stream or wetland area, plant deep-rooted native plants or trees along the water’s edge instead of a mowed lawn or sandy beach.
- 4.If you live on a steep hill, plant native plants, trees and shrubs to stabilize your soil and limit the amount of nutrients that are washed away during rain storms.



Every winter, when icy weather hits, multiple complaints are received concerning sprinkler systems creating icy roadways. The Town of Hickory Creek’s Drought and Water Usage Plan states:

“A person commits an offense if he knowingly or recklessly irrigates, waters, or causes or permits the irrigation or watering of a lawn or landscape located on premises owned, leased, or managed by the person in a manner that causes . . . the formation

of ice or any other hazardous condition.”

If your property is equipped with a sprinkler system, disable the system anytime the forecast calls for freezing temperatures or install a rain / freeze sensor to prevent future problems. Violations can result in the issuance of citations.

Chief's Corner
October 26, 2015

Greetings!

As the Holidays approach, so does the unfortunate time when criminals look to take full advantage of prime opportunity. People tend to carry extra cash and credit cards during the holidays, and their cars can be full of tempting items from your shopping trips. Always be very aware of your surroundings! Pay attention as you walk to your car. Look around the area you parked in for anyone loitering around or just observing people in the area. If someone appears to be watching you, or if you feel uncomfortable with the situation for any reason, return to the store and find a security guard or call 9-1-1. Trust your instinct. If it feels wrong, it probably is. Ideally, shop with a partner rather than alone, or at least have a security guard walk with you to your vehicle if possible.

After you get to your car, put your items in the trunk or hide them as much as possible if you intend on stopping anywhere else before returning home. A back seat full of shopping bags in a big parking lot is a very easy and lucrative target for a thief. It takes a thief with an average level of ability less than 30 seconds to get into a car and empty it of its contents. Never leave keys, cash, purses, wallets or electronics (phone, tablet, laptops) in plain sight! It is also a good idea to roll your charger cords up and put them away, as they are an indication that there could be electronics in the car.

Finally, ALWAYS remember to "TAKE, LOCK, HIDE". Take your keys with you always, lock your doors (roll up windows, secure trunk), and hide your valuables. Thieves look for the most opportunity in the shortest time period. Remove the temptation by showing them there is nothing to be gained from breaking into your car.

At home this holiday season, make sure to keep your cars parked inside your garage and your garage door closed at night. Try to avoid putting a tree with gifts stacked underneath it in a window that faces the roadway and visible from the road. Make sure your outdoor security lighting is working properly and set up for maximum efficiency. If you need help with this, contact the PD and we will be glad to come check it out for you!

On another note, we will be starting our second Citizens On Patrol Academy after New Year's, and we will take applications right up to the time we start. Please email me for an application if you are interested in giving a little time back to the community and having some fun too! We would love to have a really big class this time and get people active in the neighborhoods!

The Hickory Creek Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season and we will be working hard to keep you and our community safe and cheerful during the season!

As always, please contact me with anything that may be on your mind. My direct office phone number is (940) 497-3520 ext 254. My email address is carey.dunn@hickorycreek-tx.gov. Or, connect with us on Facebook (search Hickory Creek Police Department) and Twitter (@PoliceCreek). You are always welcome at your Police Department, come stop by and get to know us! We would like to get to know you. Be safe out there!

Chief Carey Dunn



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More info: (940) 497-4267
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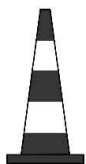
300 E. Hundley Drive, Lake Dallas, TX 75065

This holiday season, remember:

A puppy is **not** a present.

A message from your friends at **dogster**





SHOULD YOU DRIVE A RED CAR?



Is it really true that people with red cars get more speeding tickets than those with green cars? Are the chances of an accident really increased by certain colors? Does the color of your car indicate something about your personality?

There may be some truth to the urban legends surrounding car color and speeding tickets....at least from an amusing nature. People driving red cars say they seem to get more speeding tickets. Although there seems to be no official statistics, stories like these tend to reinforce the urban legend.

The fact is, if you stop at red lights, yield to oncoming traffic, make your cell phone calls when you are stopped, and do not speed, it will probably not matter what color car you choose to drive.



Just for fun, here is what is implied about certain car colors:

- **Black** cars denote an aggressive personality or someone who's an outsider or rebel.
- **Silver** cars indicate someone who's cool, calm and slightly aloof.
- **Green** cars can often be chosen by people with hysterical tendencies.
- **Yellow** cars signify someone who is idealistic and novelty loving.
- **Blue** cars are chosen by the more introspective, reflective and cautious driver.
- **Gray** cars represent those who are calm, sober and dedicated to their work.
- **Red** cars denote those who are full of zest, energy and drive and who think, move and talk quickly.
- **Pink** cars are chosen by gentle, loving and affectionate drivers.
- **White** cars represent status-seeking extrovert drivers.
- **Cream** cars are the least likely to be involved in accidents and denote self-contained and controlled owners.

So, if you want a little red sports car, go right ahead. Does it mean you are full of zest, energy and drive? Only you can answer that!



Historically, injury and fatal crashes increase over the days surrounding the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Increased traffic means drivers need to increase their awareness behind the wheel. * **plan ahead** * **eliminate distractions** * **be rested** * **take breaks** * **be prepared for the unexpected** * **stay calm** * **watch out for other drivers** * **don't drink and drive** * **leave your Cell Phone out of your reach!**

We wish you a holiday season filled with family, fun and good food, and want everyone to make it to their holiday destinations safely.

Hickory Creek Municipal Court



Protect yourself from West Nile virus

Use insect repellent* when you go outside.

Drain standing water regularly.
Mosquitoes breed in water that collects
in buckets, tires, gutters, and saucers.

Wear long sleeves and pants at dawn
and dusk when mosquitoes
are most active.

Keep screens on
doors and windows in
good condition to keep
mosquitoes out.



* Approved repellents contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.



www.txwestnile.org



For more information go to www.35express.org

Register your cat or dog at
Town Hall. Just bring in a copy
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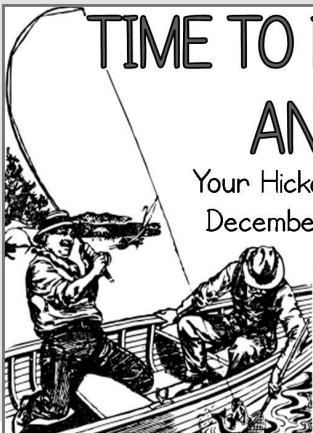
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TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL PASSES

Your Hickory Creek Park Pass expires on
December 31st of each year. To avoid
citations, check the date on
your pass then come by Town
Hall or visit one of the park
kiosks to renew your Boat or
Day Use pass.



The pavilion at Sycamore Bend &
Arrowhead Park are available for rental.



Contact Town Hall at
(940)497-2528 for information.



Lake Cities Spirit of Christmas Needs Your Help:

What: Can Food Sorting (from School Can Food Drive) is Saturday November 21.

When: Starts at 11 and should be done by 2.

Where: Location is the Lake Dallas Elementary School (401 Main Street, Lake Dallas, TX 75065) and finishes at the Lake Cities United Methodist Church.

What: The Wrapping Party is

When: December 18th

Where: Lake Dallas Middle School

Angel tress going up at Walmart and Hickory Creek Town Hall.

If anybody would like to help take care of a family they can contact us with email jimwmay1@aol.com

TREES SAVE ENERGY

Strategically placed trees can be as effective as other energy saving home improvements, such as insulation and the installation of weather-tight windows and doors. Trees can help reduce your heating and cooling costs.

Trees save energy through cooling in the hotter months. They provide a windbreak during winter. This results in burning less fossil fuels to generate electricity for cooling and heating.

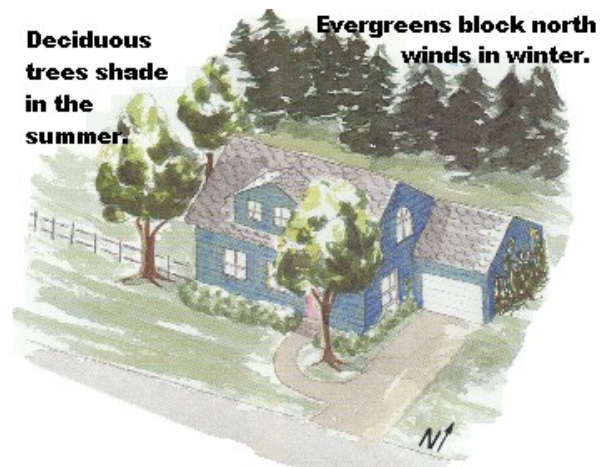
Strategically placed shade trees-a minimum of three large trees around your home-can reduce air conditioning costs up to 30 percent. Shade trees offer their best benefits when you:

- Plant deciduous trees, which shed their leaves during winter. These trees provide shade and block heat from the sun during hotter months. By dropping their leaves in the fall they admit sun-light in the colder months.
- Place these trees on the south and west sides of buildings.
- Shade all hard surfaces such as driveways, patios and sidewalks to minimize landscape heat load.

Use evergreens, which retain their leaves/needles year-long, in a planned pattern. They will serve as *windbreaks* to save from 10 to 50 percent in energy used for heating. Evergreens offer their best benefits when you:

- Place them to intercept and slow winter winds, usually on the north side of your home.
- Do not plant them on the south or west sides of your home, because they block warming sun-light during winter. These trees also provide some shading benefits during summer.

Get professional assistance to assure correct selection of species and their placement to maximize energy savings.



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Nicki Meskill Owner
References upon request

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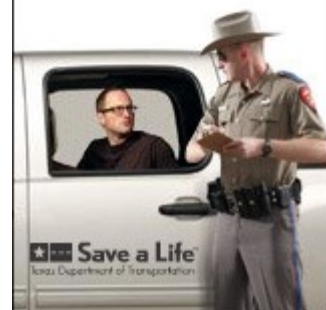
In Home Care and Walking Plans:

- **Daily, Weekly, and Monthly Plans Available**
 - ✓ Includes walk/run/TLC and playtime/waste bag & pick up, feed and water after walk
 - ✓ Fuel surcharges may apply for specified areas
 - ✓ Premium charges for certain Holidays
- **Pricing**
 - ✓ Walking services start at \$15 for 30 minutes
 - ✓ In Home Care starts at \$20 per visit

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seat,
too.**



**Time to renew
your Alarm Permit**



Emergency Notification:

Please Register Now



CodeRED is an emergency notification system that utilizes text, e-mail, and phone notifications to keep the public up-to-date on the most current weather situations. The Town of Hickory Creek is under the Denton County Emergency Operations Plan and covered by Denton County CodeRED. CodeRED is simple and FREE.

Please take a moment to fill in the appropriate information on the website listed below to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Receive timely weather statements on severe weather from the National Weather Service by selecting Weather Warn Other Examples include: Severe weather, evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports.

Go to: <http://dentoncounty.com/emergencynotifications> and click on CodeRed to register or go to hickorycreek-tx.gov to register.




DENTON COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS

**1-800-388-TIPS
Hotline**

Web Tips


dentoncountycrimestoppers.com

	Wanted As Of: 04/16/2015
	Indecency w/Child Sexual Contact X 2 Counts
Name: Menjivar, Jose Andres Alias: Andres, Jose; Trejo, Jose; Andres, Jose Andres II Sex: Male Race: Caucasian Age: 20 DOB: 11/13/1994 Height: 5ft 4in Weight: 130 lbs Hair: Black Eyes: Brown	
Information leading to the an arrest is eligible for a cash reward up to \$ 1,000 Warrant: F-2013-2293-D	
Submit a Web Tip	


	Wanted As Of: 02/05/2015
	Abandon Endanger Child Criminal Negligence
Name: Uicab-Leon, Lucila Maria Alias: Vicab-Leon, Lucila M; Vicableon, Lucila; Uiccab, Lucila Sex: Female Race: Unknown Age: 28 DOB: 12/19/1986 Height: 5ft 2in Weight: 150 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown	
Information leading to the an arrest is eligible for a cash reward up to \$ 1,000 Warrant: F-2012-1915-D	
Submit a Web Tip	

	Wanted As Of: 01/25/2015
	Agg Assault w/Deadly Weapon x 2 counts
Name: Simmons, Eric Alias: Eric Clenhouse Simmons Sex: Male Race: Black Age: 28 DOB: 05/04/1987 Height: 5ft 8in Weight: Unknown Hair: Black Eyes: Brown	
Information leading to the an arrest is eligible for a cash reward up to \$ 1,000 Warrant: F15-1316-158, F-2013-0219-B	
Submit a Web Tip	

	Wanted As Of: 03/13/2015
	Sexual Assault Child X 3 Counts
Name: McGough, Joseph Alias: Sex: Male Race: Caucasian Age: 47 DOB: 02/16/1968 Height: 5ft 11in Weight: 225 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown	
Information leading to the an arrest is eligible for a cash reward up to \$ 1,000 Warrant: F-2014-0073-A	
Submit a Web Tip	

	Wanted As Of: 06/09/2015
	Solicitation to Commit Murder
Name: Delarcercia, Stephanie Ann Alias: Coffelt, Steph, McCarty, Stephanie, Rendine Sex: Female Race: Caucasian Age: 44 DOB: 01/03/1971 Height: 5ft 5in Weight: 190 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel	
Information leading to the an arrest is eligible for a cash reward up to \$ 1,000 Warrant: F-2012-2620	
Submit a Web Tip	

	Wanted As Of: 06/24/2015
	Possession of Child Pornography x 10 Counts
Name: Boyd, Michael Kyle Alias: Boyd, Kyle Sex: Male Race: Caucasian Age: 30 DOB: 05/08/1985 Height: 5ft 11in Weight: 190 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue	
Information leading to the an arrest is eligible for a cash reward up to \$ 1,000 Warrant: F15-1208-16	
Submit a Web Tip	

	Wanted As Of: 07/07/2014
	Man Del CS PG 1 >=1G<4G; Failure to Appear
Name: Cody, Travis Lee Alias: Sex: Male Race: Caucasian Age: 27 DOB: 09/18/1987 Height: 6ft 0in Weight: 185 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Green	
Information leading to the an arrest is eligible for a cash reward up to \$ 1,000 Warrant: F15-1268-362	
Submit a Web Tip	

	Wanted As Of: 07/29/2015
	Assault Fam/House Mem Impede Breath/Circulation
Name: Olivarez, Robert Alias: Sex: Male Race: Caucasian Age: 27 DOB: 09/22/1987 Height: 5ft 11in Weight: 200 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown	
Information leading to the an arrest is eligible for a cash reward up to \$ 1,000 Warrant: JF15-150J1	
Submit a Web Tip	

	Wanted As Of: 04/23/2015
	Escape While Arrested/Confined Felony; Poss CS PG 3<28g; Poss CS PG 1<1g; Poss Dangerous Drug
Name: Burris, Latroy Leon Alias: Troy Sex: Male Race: Black Age: 40 DOB: 07/31/1975 Height: 5ft 9in Weight: 180 lbs Hair: Black Eyes: Brown	
Information leading to the an arrest is eligible for a cash reward up to \$ 1,000 Warrant: FMC15-1178; FMC15-1177; MW-15-0185; MW-15-0184; MW-15-0183	
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	Wanted As Of: 05/22/2015
	Online Solicitation Minor Under 14 YOA; Sex Offenders Duty to Register w/Previous Conviction
Name: Bell, Mathew Blake Alias: Bell, Matt Sex: Male Race: Caucasian Age: 32 DOB: 12/11/1982 Height: 5ft 6in Weight: 110 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel	
Information leading to the an arrest is eligible for a cash reward up to \$ 1,000 Warrant: F-2006-2292-D, JF15-090J1	
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Economic Development Corporation—4th Thursday @7PM
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